

The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

11:00 a.m.



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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Organ Voluntary



Arabesque

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

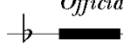

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell. Please remain standing for the chanting of the Great Litany.

The Great Litany

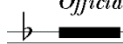

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant  *People* 



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

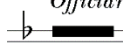
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 


O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

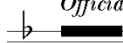
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 


Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 


preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



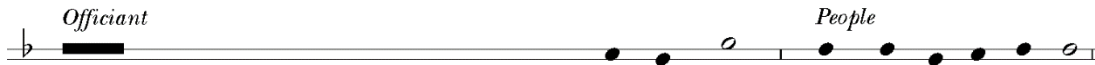
People
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *People* Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *People* Grant us thy peace.



Officiant O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.

When the litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.

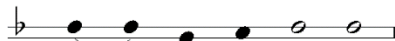
On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

or

The Word of God

Celebrant †Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most / High, *
abides under the shadow of the / Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my / stronghold, *
my God in whom I / put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your / refuge, *
and the Most High your / habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to / you, *
neither shall any plague come / near your dwelling.

- 11 For he shall give his angels charge / over you, *
to keep you in / all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you / in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot a- / gainst a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the / adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- / der your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- / liver him; *
I will protect him, because he / knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will / answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring / him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy / him, *
and show him my / salvation.

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Procession

Hymn 150

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

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| <p>1 Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.</p> <p>2 Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?</p> | <p>3 Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!</p> <p>4 So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.</p> |
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5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;

that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

The people stand and turn toward the Gospel as it is processing to the center of the people.

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Celebrant †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Terri Brice

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. †We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and Confession of Sin have been omitted today due to the inclusion of the Great Litany in the service. You are invited to silently give thanks and your prayers for the following persons:

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays: Zuri Esworthy, Elizabeth Pineo, Kara Graham, Andres Gonzales-Wright, and Josh Collins.

We are grateful for the covenant love of those who celebrate an anniversary: Bobby & Marla Rozier. We pray for healing and peace for: Lynette Pasek, Steve Novak, George Chesnut, Sam Hood, Patsy Bennett, Janet Whitner, Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Leigh Ann Cole, David Ronn, Steve King, Glendy Biggs, Baby Alice Rose, Sandy Thornton, Kendall Thomas, Sandy Rutters, Beth Travers, Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Houston Suggs, Kimberly Gottardi, and John Youd.

We pray for safety for: Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, and Kyle Hubert.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Parish Notices

The Offertory Anthem

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

The Presentation

Hymn 435

(verses 1 – 4)

King's Weston

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| 1 At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word. | 3 bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest. |
| 2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed; | 4 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped,
trusted, and adored. |

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: *From A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Celebrant and People



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us___ peace.

Setting: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn 343

St. Agnes

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| 1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock. | 3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart. |
| 2 We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place. | 4 Lord, sup with us in love divine
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food. |

Hymn 310

Herr Jesu Christ

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| 1 O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. | 2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee. |
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If you are worshipping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer for Lent

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 449

Deo gracias

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| 1 | O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake. | 4 | For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath. |
| 2 | For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew. | 5 | For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. |
| 3 | For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us. | 6 | All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore. |

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to follow the cross into the world.

The people respond, saying

Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (1390-1453)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

You are called to ministry!

There is a place for you in one of the following ministries. Please contact the ministry leaders listed for more information about where your gifts may fit to strengthen our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure. If not sure where to start call the church office.

Outreach	Liasons – Erle Newton erle.newton@gmail.com Linda Hamilton linda@bbaribault.com	Chairs – Emma Wilhoite mmacpaige@gmail.com Megan Humphreys Meghann.humphreys@gmail.com
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Stewardship	Liaison – Jimmy Hyde hydejimmy@bellsouth.net	Chair – Corinne Scott acscott333@comcast.net
Liturgy & Worship	Liaison – Linda Hamilton linda@bbaribault.com	Chair – Volunteer Needed

Calendar of Events

March 16, 2022 – Lenten Wednesday

- 5:00pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Salad/Sandwich Supper
- 6:30pm Formation activities for all ages
- 7:00pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

March 10, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Ascension, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

March 11, 2022 – Ascension's Coffee House, 7:00-9:00 pm

March 13, 2022 – Daylight Savings Time begins – Spring forward

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

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- 7:00pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

March 17, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Trinity UMC, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

March 20, 2022 – The Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

March 23, 2022 – Lenten Wednesday

- 5:00pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Salad/Sandwich Supper
- 6:30pm Formation activities for all ages
- 7:00pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

March 24, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Faith UMC, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

March 27, 2022 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

March 30, 2022 – Lenten Wednesday

5:00pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal
5:30pm Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Lenten Soup & Salad/Sandwich Supper
6:30pm Formation activities for all ages
7:00pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

March 31, 2022 – Lenten Lunch @ Heritage Baptist, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

April 7, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall